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SUBJECT: VISIT OF EGYPTIAN MINISTER OF SOCIAL

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1. FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE CONCERNING SUBJECT  
VISIT RELEASED SEPTEMBER 23 IN WASHINGTON.

2. QUOTE EGYPTIAN MINISTER OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS AISHA  
RATEB TODAY WOUND UP A 10-DAY VISIT TO THE UNITED  
STATES AS A GUEST OF HEW SECRETARY DAVID MATHEWS.

3. THE TWO CABINET LEVEL OFFICIALS MET IN  
WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS WAYS OF BROADENING THE  
COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IN THE  
FIELDS OF FAMILY AND CHILD CARE; REHABILITATION;  
SOCIAL SECURITY; AND RELATED ACTIVITIES.

4. THE MINISTER SHARED WITH THE SECRETARY AND  
HIS STAFF HER PLANS FOR INNOVATIONS IN SOCIAL  
DEVELOPMENT IN EGYPT AND HER OBSERVATIONS ON  
THE RECENT WORLD CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
WOMEN'S YEAR IN MEXICO CITY, WHERE SHE HEADED  
THE DELEGATION FROM THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF  
EGYPT.

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5. THE SECRETARY AND THE MINISTER ALSO DISCUSSED POSSIBLE U.S. ASSISTANCE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REHABILITATION ENGINEERING CENTER IN EGYPT, WHICH WOULD COMBINE THE RESOURCES OF MEDICINE, ENGINEERING, AND RELATED SCIENCES IN PROVIDING COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES FOR THE DISABLED.

6. THE MINISTER PARTICIPATED IN A SIGNING CEREMONY AT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELARE ON SEPTEMBER 17. SHE AND ACTING SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICE ADMINISTRATOR JOHN SVAHN CONCLUDED AGREEMENTS FOR THREE COOPERATIVE RESEARCH AND DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS: (1) FAMILY NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES CENTER; (2) DAY-CARE CENTER FOR CHILDREN OF PRESCHOOL AGE; AND (3) AN INTEGRATIVE APPROACH IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

7. WITH REHABILITATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATION COMMISSIONER ANDREW ADAMS, DR. RATEB SIGNED AGREEMENTS TO EXPAND AN ACTIVE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM IN REHABILITATIVE RESEARCH TO INCLUDE EXPERIMENTS IN (1) A REGIONAL PROGRAM OF SERVICES FOR THE HANDICAPPED; (2) A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM FOR THE MULTIPLE DISABLED; (3) RESEARCH ON REHABILITATION OF LOW VISION AIDS; AND (4) REHABILITATION COUNSELING, TRAINING, AND RESEARCH.

8. DURING HER VISIT, MINISTER RATEB AND HER PARTY TRAVELED TO NEW YORK CITY TO CONFER WITH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE OFFICIALS WHO ARE INVOLVED WITH ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE MINISTER'S AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY. WHILE IN NEW YORK, THE MINISTER WAS INTERVIEWED BY BARBARA WALTERS ON THE NBC TODAY SHOW. IN ADDITION, SOME MEMBERS OF THE MINISTER'S PARTY VISITED ATLANTA.

9. ACCOMPANYING THE MINISTER WERE DR. SALAH AL-DIN EL HOMMOSSANI, UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND REHABILITATION, MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS; DR. BADRAWY FAHMY, PRESIDENT, EGYPTIAN FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION AND TECHNICAL ADVISER TO THE MINISTER; MR. AHMED SHOUKRY, UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR MIGRATION AND RESETTLEMENT, MOSA; MR. AHMED SHAFIK,

DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS, MOSA;

AND DR. SALEH SHERIF, THE MINISTER'S SON, WHO IS A RECENT MEDICAL SCHOOL GRADUATE.

10. THE COOPERATION IN IMPORTANT SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS HAS BROUGHT BENEFITS TO BOTH COUNTRIES, AND HEW AND THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS OF EGYPT WILL CONTINUE TO DEVELOP AND STRENGTHEN THIS COOPERATION. NEW AREAS FOR RESEARCH AND DEMONSTRATION AIM AT IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF PRIMARY SOCIAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS; COMMUNITY BASED OUTREACH PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH AND THE ELDERLY; AND SOCIAL WELFARE MANPOWER TRAINING AND UTILIZATION. MODELS FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING OF SERVICES FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES; STUDIES ON THE IMPACT OF CITIZEN PARTICIPATION ON SERVICE DELIVERY; AND EXPERIMENTS IN ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO USE PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS ARE BEING EXPLORED AS NEW AREAS FOR MUTUAL COLLABORATION.

11. EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE WILL CONTINUE TO BE SHARED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES THROUGH INTERCHANGE OF SCIENTISTS; EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND TRANSLATION OF NEW DOCUMENTS, SUCH AS LEGISLATION AND PROGRAM GUIDELINES; AND THROUGH FELLOWSHIPS AND PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT. UNQUOTE.

12. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY CONVEYING TEXT OF RELEASE TO MINISTER. ROBINSON

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